

Draft Minutes
Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee Meeting
February 9, 2015

Members Present

Senator Fletcher Hartsell, Chair
Senator Stan Bingham
Senator Ben Clark
Senator Don Davis
Senator Ralph Hise
Senator Louis Pate
Senator Shirley Randleman
Senator Jeff Tarte, Advisory Member

Representative Craig Horn, Chair
Representative Becky Carney
Representative Ted Davis
Representative Nelson Dollar
Representative Pat Hurley
Representative Marvin Lucas
Representative Jason Saine
Representative Rena Turner

Call to Order

Representative Craig Horn, Chair, called the meeting to order. Representative Horn announced that at the suggestion of Senator Hise at the January meeting, members and the public may access both the agenda and handouts electronically. For future meetings, agenda items will contain web links to any documents under discussion. The Committee Clerk, Doris Gilbert, will have hard copies available at the desk by request to a Sergeant.

Senator Clark moved to approve the January 21, 2015 *Minutes*. Motion carried.

Presentations

Representative Horn announced that bill drafters would present recommended legislation reviewed by the committee at its January 21, 2015 meeting and that after each presentation the Chair would entertain motions to recommend the bill for introduction and indicate any member(s) who would sponsor the legislation.

- **PED Report: *Revising State Child Support Incentive System Could Promote Improved Performance of County Programs*.** Lisa Wilks, Drafting, explained the drafts as recommended by the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee's Subcommittee on Child Support.
 - (a) **Federal Child Support Incentive Payments**. Senator Randleman moved that the Joint Committee recommend the bill to the General Assembly. Motion carried. Senator Randleman noted that she would sponsor the bill.
 - (b) **Require Custodial Parent Cooperate with Child Support**. Lisa Wilks explained that at the January 21 meeting Senator Randleman had requested clarifying language that grandparents or other relatives will be considered custodial parents. Wilks distributed and explained an amended version of the bill that included the clarifying language. Representative Dollar inquired as to whether the substitute would in any way affect custodial rights of grandparents. Lisa Wilks responded that it would not. Senator Hise moved that in lieu of the draft recommended by the subcommittee, the Joint Committee consider the revised draft as a committee substitute. Motion carried. Senator Randleman moved to recommend the committee substitute to the General Assembly. Motion carried. Senator Randleman noted that she would sponsor the bill.
- **PED Report: *DHHS Should Integrate Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities into the Community-Based System and Improve Performance Management*.** Joyce Jones, Drafting, explained the draft

PED Recs/Publicly Funded Substance Abuse Svc and noted that the current version reflected the deletion of percentage reductions in State appropriations to the centers on a three-fiscal-year schedule until all State funding terminated effective July 1, 2019. At the January 21st meeting, the committee had voted to remove the proposed phased State funding decrements provided in lines 36-47 on page 3 of the draft and retain the language providing a goal that the facilities should become self-supporting from revenue other than State general funds by July 2019. Senator Hise moved that the committee recommend the bill as amended to the General Assembly. Motion carried. Senator Hise noted he would sponsor the bill. Representatives Hurley and Saine stated that they would sponsor the bill in the House.

- **PED Report: *North Carolina Needs a Coordinated Strategy to Guide the Changing Landscape of Veterans Programs*.** Ben Stanley, Drafting, explained the draft Create Veterans Task Force/PED Report. Senator Pate moved that the committee recommend the bill to the General Assembly. Senator Pate noted that he would sponsor the bill. Senators Clark and D. Davis would also like to be added as sponsors.

The committee reviewed several drafts for the first time. Representative Horne requested drafters to explain each section of the bill.

- **PED Report: *Licensing Processing Fees are Inequitable: Permit DOI Vendor to Charge Different Processing Fees Based on Effort and Cost*.** Jeff Cherry, Drafting, explained the draft DOI License Processing Fees. Representative Dollar moved that the committee recommend the bill to the General Assembly. Representative Dollar noted that he would sponsor the bill. Representative Lucas also noted that he would sponsor the bill.
- **Two PED Reports: *Driver Education; Overnight Respite Care*.** Kelly Tornow, Research Division, explained the draft School of Government to Develop Standards for Pilot Projects. Representative Hurley moved that the committee recommend the bill to the General Assembly. Representative Hurley noted that she would sponsor the bill. Representative Lucas and Senator Clark also noted they would sponsor the bill.

Representative Horn recognized Sean Hamel, PED Senior Evaluator, to explain legislation recommended by the previous committee to strengthen prevention of abuse of prescribed controlled substances as recommended by the April 2014 PED report, ***North Carolina Needs to Strengthen Its System for Monitoring and Preventing the Abuse of Prescribed Controlled Substances***. Representative Horn noted that the current committee had expressed interest in recommending an updated version of H1037/S749 as introduced in 2014 but not passed. Senator Hise moved to have the bill redrafted to include modifications suggested by PED and to recommend the bill to the General Assembly. Senators Hise, Clark and Tarte will serve as sponsors in the Senate, while Representatives Lucas, Hurley, and Carney will sponsor the bill in the House.

Representative Horn recognized John Turcotte to review the list of legislation introduced as recommended by the previous committee that did not pass during the 2013-2014 session.

Senator Bingham requested inviting Verizon Wireless to the next meeting to present more information on a test completed using telematics devices on State-owned vehicles, but which was not the more detailed test mandated by a special provision in the 2014 appropriations act mentioned by Turcotte. Representative Horn said that Chairs would invite Verizon Wireless to present.

Representative Horn recognized Meg Kunde, Program Evaluator, to present the report, ***North Carolina Should Eliminate the Use of Personal Services Contracts in Favor of Using Existing Mechanisms***. Representative Dollar stated that he disagreed with recommendations in the report and suggested that the committee reject the report. Senator Tarte said that he also disagreed with the report's

recommendations. Senator Hartsell moved to accept the report as presented. Motion carried. Senator Hartsell and Representative Horn announced that they would appoint a subcommittee to address the report recommendations. Representative Horn appointed Representatives Dollar and Saine. Senator Hartsell appointed Senators Hise and Tarte. The subcommittee may present its recommendation at the next committee meeting.

Representative Horn recognized Sara Nienow, Senior Program Evaluator, to present the PED report, ***Implications of Funding Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment or Prevention with Alcohol Tax Earmark.*** Representative Lucas moved to accept the report and to refer the report to the Appropriations Committees. Motion carried.

Representative Horn recognized Brent Lucas, Program Evaluator, and Deborah Landry, Fiscal Research. Lucas summarized the PED report ***Overnight Respite Pilot at Adult Day Care Facilities Perceived as Favorable, but Lacked Objective Measures of Success.*** At the January 21st meeting the Committee had received the report and requested a fiscal estimate of the three alternatives PED proposed. Deborah Landry explained a Fiscal Analysis of the report's recommended alternatives. Representative Hurley moved to accept the proposed alternatives and fiscal analysis and to refer the report and estimates to the Appropriations Committees. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

Representative Horn announced that the committee would next meet Monday, February 23rd.

Adjournment

With no further business, the committee adjourned.


Senate Chair, Senator Fletcher Hartsell


House Chair, Representative Craig Horn